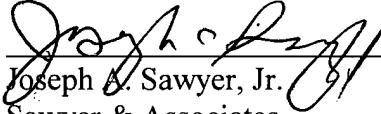


REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of USSN 08/872,578, filed June 10, 1997, and allowed February 18, 1999. Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel claims 28-49 which remain pending in the prior application. Accordingly, claims 1-27 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the claims as presented. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph A. Sawyer, Jr.
Sawyer & Associates
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 30,801
(650) 493-4540